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	<b>RATED COLUMNAR COUPLER</b>	)	
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination thereof in the manner indicated below.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**(37 C.F.R. §1.111)**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 3-7 to eliminate multi-dependent claims and to render the claims consistent with US practice.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please substitute the abstract with the enclosed. The abstract is being substituted from the original translation in order to render it in one paragraph form with less than 150 words.